

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Telephone conversation of Sept. 19, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 22.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Crochet on Sept. 20, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Cancel all previous claims and insert the following claim:

22). I claim

a snag-resistant fishing weight c comprising:

a smooth elongated substantially heavy, solid metal cylindrical body of substantial length and consistent width about 24 times longer than wide and having a smoothly rounded hemisphere head, terminating'

a first end and an apposite second end with,

a bend along said body, residing nearer said first end than said second end, which defines,

a straight short angled portion, formed of said first end, that is joined by said bend to,

a straight longer, lower portion formed of said opposite second end with,

a hole fashioned through said body at said first end, which resides in part, with said hemisphere head terminating at said first end, and is attached through by,

an o-ring attached to a swivel, whereupon

said o-ring and said swivel are integrally attached to said fishing weight and complete the design of said weight, whereby, a horizontal mode of operation can be accomplished such that said design provides a biasing means for initiating a spin maneuver during retrieval which allows fast, steady retrievals from long cast through stump and brush laden areas of water.

In the specification, delete the last page of the specification and insert the following:

Brief Description of the Drawing

The figure shows the snag resistant fishing weight of the preferred embodiment.

Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiment

The snag resistant fishing weight includes a long swivel 1. The long swivel 1 is used to connect other fishing apparatus, such as fishing line (not shown), to one of the end of the swivel. The swivel1 prevents line twist. The other end of the long swivel 1 is attached to an O-ring 2. the O-ring is attached to the one end of weight 4 by way of hole 3. Weight 4 includes a short angled portion , a longer portion and an bend portion causing the short angled section to project at an angle from the remaining Long section.

By way of example, specific embodiment would include a 1 inch long swivel 1 and a 3/8-inch O-ring 2. The hole 3 in the short angled portion of the weight 4 would be 1/8-inch in diameter and reside 1/16-inch from an end of the short angled portion. The angle

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formed between the two portions of weight 4 would 40 degrees. The weight would be 6 inches long and 1/4 inch in diameter. The weight would be made of iron and weight about 1 1/2 ounces.

The swivel 1, O-ring 2 and weight 4 are integrally attached to each other.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kurt Rowan whose telephone number is (571) 272-6893. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 6:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Poon can be reached on (571) 272-6891. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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